

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: May 3, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:05p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:18 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Jackie Nytes, Acting Chair
Vernon Brown
Lance Langsford
Lynn McWhirter
Mary Moriarty Adams
Lincoln Plowman

Absent Members

Joanne Sanders

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 171, 2005 - determines the need to lease approximately 7,962 square feet of office space at 155 East Market Street, Suite 200, for a home detention program of the Marion County Community Corrections Agency

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 172, 2005 - determines the need to lease approximately 47,720 square feet of office space at 1848 Ludlow Avenue for a Work Release Center of the Marion County Community Corrections Agency

“Postpone”

Vote: 6-0

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Acting Chair Jackie Nytes called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., with the following members present: Vernon Brown, Lance Langsford, Lynn McWhirter, Mary Moriarty Adams, and Lincoln Plowman. Absent was Joanne Sanders.

PROPOSAL NO. 172, 2005 - determines the need to lease approximately 47,720 square feet of office space at 1848 Ludlow Avenue for a Work Release Center of the Marion County Community Corrections Agency

Acting Chair Nytes said the Community Corrections Agency has indicated that they need to gather additional material for the presentation on Proposal No. 172, 2005.

Councillor Langsford moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to "Postpone" Proposal No. 172, 2005 until June 21, 2005. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 171, 2005 - determines the need to lease approximately 7,962 square feet of office space at 155 East Market Street, Suite 200, for a home detention program of the Marion County Community Corrections Agency

Bill Dishman, Deputy Director of Community Corrections Agency, said over the past few years the home detention group has expanded, and the agency is currently looking at incorporating the juvenile home detention program into the community corrections operation. He said due to the expansion of the agency they have leased additional office space outside their headquarters but no longer have access to that space. He said the agency feels their best option is to combine the home detention programs into one location. He said the agency is short \$6,000 for the lease, but with the transfer of the juvenile detention there will be fees to the clients on juvenile detention. The agency will utilize those fees to make up the \$6,000 difference for the lease. He said the initial lease cost for the space at 155 E. Market Street is \$71,658 (\$9.00 per square foot) for the first year and increases throughout the seven years of the lease for a total of \$83,601 (\$10.50).

Joe Bowman, Corporation Counsel, said before the agency can enter a lease the fiscal body has to determine the need.

Councillor Moriarty Adams asked how many people will be served through home detention. Mr. Dishman said the agency currently has 1,028 offenders on home detention, but with the addition of the juvenile offenders the total will be about 1,200 offenders.

Councillor Brown asked if the agency is asking for any additional funding. Mr. Dishman responded in the negative and said they will conduct the normal appropriation process and be back before the Council. Councillor Brown asked how many additional employees the agency will have. Mr. Dishman said the juvenile detention has six staff members to bring the total to 33-35 employees located in the agency's office. Councillor

Brown asked if the cost of computer hook-up, furniture, etc. is included in the lease cost. Mr. Dishman said the renovations to the lobby area are included in the lease but the agency has not received any proposals for the computer hook-up. Mr. Dishman said the agency does have some funds set aside, and the agency will utilize the additional user fee to help pay for any additional cost.

Acting Chair Nytes asked if the offenders in the program have to come to the agency. Mr. Dishman said the offenders come to the agency for the initial hook-up, and then the staff has contact with offenders out in the field (i.e. home, employment, etc.). Acting Chair Nytes asked if the proposed office space is on street level. Mr. Dishman said the proposed space is located on the second floor. Acting Chair Nytes asked if anyone involved with the Community Corrections Agency has any interest with the owner of the building. Mr. Dishman responded in the negative.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Langsford, to send Proposal No. 171, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Sanders, Chair
Administration and Finance Committee

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